

Senate Resolution 49

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd and Heath of the 31st

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

1 Urging the United States Department of Justice to oppose the proposed unsolicited takeover
2 of Delta Air Lines; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines became an air passenger airline in 1928 and inaugurated service
4 to four cities in 1929; and

5 WHEREAS, Delta moved its worldwide headquarters to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1941 and became
6 the largest private employer serving Atlanta and Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Delta's headquarters and primary hub in Atlanta contribute more than \$14 billion
8 annually to Georgia's economy; and

9 WHEREAS, Delta has always stood for safe and reliable air transportation, distinctive
10 customer service, and hospitality from the heart; and

11 WHEREAS, on September 14, 2005, Delta took a necessary and responsible step to secure its
12 future by voluntarily filing to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the U. S. Bankruptcy Code; and

13 WHEREAS, Delta and its employees have worked hard and made many sacrifices to regain an
14 industry position of strength and leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, Delta's tradition and commitment to Georgia's civic, cultural, and charitable
16 causes, both in financial terms and volunteerism, have remained steadfast despite the
17 challenges of bankruptcy; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta is on track to exit bankruptcy in the first half of 2007 as an independent,
19 stand-alone company.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that
2 it is in the best interests of the citizens of Georgia and the employees of Delta Air Lines, as
3 well as the economic welfare of the entire region, for Delta to emerge from bankruptcy as a
4 stand-alone, independent company, and the members of this body stand in opposition to any
5 unsolicited takeover or merger attempt from anyone that may diminish the importance of Delta
6 as a major employer and corporate headquarters in Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
8 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the United States
9 and Delta Air Lines.